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1. At present 16 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (1999-2000) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Burundi[a]	35 134.80
Central African Republic	285 900.00
Comoros[a]	709 652.25
Georgia[a]	6 475 700.00
Guinea	19 600.00
Guinea-Bissau	424 800.00
Iraq	12 320 200.00
Kyrgyzstan[a]	94 720.33
Liberia	1 042 200.00
Niger	302 900.00
Republic of Moldova[a]	2 649 099.00
Sao Tome and Principe[a]	555 200.00
Seychelles	161 200.00
Somalia	956 500.00

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Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Tajikistan[a]	2 029 505.00
Uzbekistan	881 689.50

[a] By its resolution 55/5 A of 26 October 2000, the General Assembly decided that Burundi, the Comoros, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe and Tajikistan would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 30 June 2001.

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**
Secretary-General